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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

We incorporate a Notice of Non-Compliance under 35 U.S.C. 1.121 and our response.

The non-compliance involves improper numbering of the Claims.

The "Amendments to the Claims" section is being re-submitted, as well as

"Remarks/Arguments" and "Detailed Action" sections discussing the claims as renumbered.

Respectfully submitted,

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